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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/761,455	FRIVOLI ET AL	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	David Vu	2821	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 11-13 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 11-13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                       |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 2-4, 11-13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kikuo et al, Japan Pat No 5-153606.

Kikuo discloses the claimed invention including a degaussing coil 17,23 fed by a mains voltage, a sensor 3 arranged to sense the mains voltage; at least a first and a second PTC resistor 13,15, each PTC resistor coupled at one end to the mains voltage; first switch 19,21 arranged to select one of the first and second PTC resistors for coupling to the degaussing coil depending on the mains voltage sensed by the sensor; and a second switch 5 coupled between the first switch 19,21 and the degaussing coil, the second switch 5 operable to delay coupling of a PTC resistor selected by the first switch to the degaussing coil, see, for example, figures 1-3, translation pages 3-5.

Regarding claim 3, at least figure 1 shows a mains switch 11 and wherein second switch 5 is operable to delay coupling of a PTC resistor to the degaussing coil by a time sufficient to allow mains voltage to stabilize after mains switch 11 is activated.

Regarding claim 4, at least figure 1 shows the degaussing coil comprises a first degaussing coil and a second degaussing coil 17,23 and wherein first and second degaussing coil are selectively connected in series or in parallel.

Regarding claim 11, at least figure 1 shows a control circuit 9 coupled to the second switch to activate the second switch in accordance with a time delay determined by the control circuit.

Regarding claims 12-13, at least figure 1 and translation page 3 disclose the claimed invention including: a degaussing coil 17,23 fed by a mains voltage, a sensor 3 arranged to sense the mains voltage; at least a first and a second PTC resistor 13,15, each PTC resistor coupled at one end to mains

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voltage; a first switch 19,21 arranged to select one of the first and second PTC resistors for coupling to the degaussing coil depending on the mains voltage sensed by the sensor; and wherein the first switch selects the first or second PTC resistor when the sensed mains voltage is about 110V or 230V or below/above 170V, respectively.

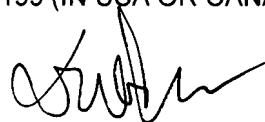
Regarding claim 15, the claimed method is inherent in the Kikuo reference.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1831. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-430pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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